

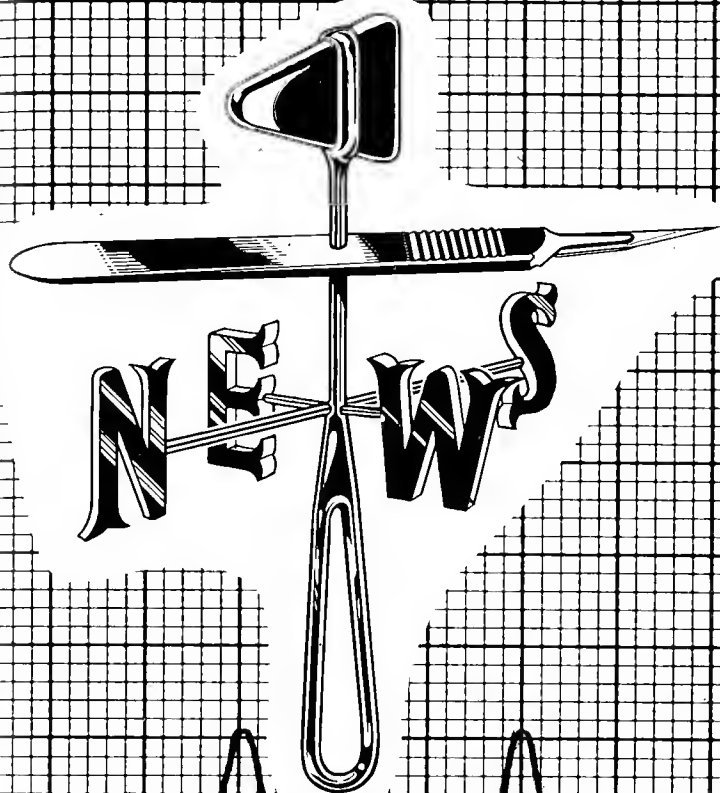
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From the Desk of the President

In recent months we have had it brought to our attention that a large part of today's student bodies do not know why they are in college nor do their college administrators and some of their faculty members remember what they too, are supposed to be doing for the student. Up until a relatively few years ago, college was the place a student attended for the purpose of getting an education. It was considered to be a privilege for someone to be able to obtain a college education. No one felt that such an advantage was owed him - that he had it coming to him, regardless of his personal efforts.

A few days ago, I discussed this with a college student, who, although he himself was not motivated to participate in some of the adventures, felt it was all right for others to do so. Why did he think as he did? He quite firmly stated that when a student made application for admission, was accepted, and his tuition paid, a bilateral contract was entered into. This contract in effect said, that because the applicant had the necessary qualifications, the college would give him his education. It was expected that the student would observe the rules of good manner, proper behavior, and such other local requirements as the college administration might deem necessary. Everyone knew about the Bill of Rights of our Constitution which, amongst other things guaranteed everyone free speech and freedom of assembly. You will note that it was for everyone - not for some.

The formula worked out very well for many years. On those occasions when a student violated the rules, there was no hesitancy on the part of college officials to separate him from the campus on which he was so uncomfortable. The only thing that mattered was that the rules applied equally to everyone and that violations would be dealt with impartially.

Now we find that times have changed. The same rules are still on paper. Students still agree to abide by college rules, which will be enforced by college officials, who will, in turn, provide an education to that student. At this point the similarity disappears. We now have students who have lost sight of the fact that they came to get an education. Instead the campus now has become a place where he can violate the rules of good behavior, proper dress and manners, constitutional guarantees, college rules, Federal rules, and anything else which may please him at the moment. He does this with relative impunity, because college officials don't enforce their own rules, neither do Federal and local authorities choose to enforce the laws. The U.S. Supreme Court, furthermore, does not hesitate to infringe upon the rights, which are guaranteed to the many, by its solicitous care for the antisocial few. Faculty members, who are there to teach, do not hesitate to foment unrest amongst the students. Although such individuals openly encourage the students to routinely oppose everything - no matter what - just as long as it isn't anything with popular appeal, what do the colleges do about them? You are right, nothing!

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Editorial

A CASE OF APOLOGETICS

It seems that even when physicians are not outspoken and are not taking a stand they are under attack. The most vicious and most recent incidents attracting nationwide publicity relate to physician's fees and incomes. Mr. Meany is pressing for a fee ceiling and the front pages of our papers tell us about the huge profits we are reaping. The almost simultaneous release of these items may appear to be innocent but a look at the record shows us that Mr. Meany's statement preceded that of the high income story. One cannot but suspect that behind-the-scene organization and news manipulation was responsible. Again, the physician is the ogre with green eyes. Again, we have been assaulted by half-truths because our adversaries—and indeed there is no other name which applies—know we are too busy and too poorly organized to answer or even care. It is well known in politics that honesty is no match for dishonesty in public debate. We of this *Bulletin* staff are proud to belong to a profession which unshamedly is primarily intellectually honest and of high personal integrity. We do not apologize for this and we are not apologetic for our fees.

The news media advisedly or omitted left out the following facts:

1. Physicians did not raise their fees under Medicare, they simply began charging their usual fee to the Medicare patient rather than the discounted free service they previously rendered.
2. The above may, in certain cases, have raised the gross income of the doctors without any fee increase.
3. Medicare patients are now seeing physicians much more frequently. Indeed, in some cases, the doctors wonder why the patient insists on returning at all when there is no health reason for it.
4. The overwhelming paper work Medicare has precipitated has made necessary the addition of more office help or at least more time spent in filling forms.

Yes, we do make a good gross income. We work hard. We do menial tasks no other profession will accept. We have one of the shortest life expectancies in the country. And, after all, we do pay a large percentage of taxes back to the Government which helps finance the social programs. Lest we forget, physicians must provide for their retirement and disability. Only recently have we come under social security.

Finally, we are the practicing physicians. There are no others to replace us. If we are pushed to the brink, repercussions may be unavoidable. It is quite amazing how a profession, which essentially has no competition, has withstood the abuse, disrespect, calumny and even vileness from politicians and officials of the labor movement without erupting. It is to our everlasting credit that we have turned a deaf ear and a bare cheek - but we have only one cheek left and the ominous signs of the present may portend changes in the physician which everyone will forever regret.

When college students are permitted to occupy buildings, whether college, private, or public, when they can block traffic; when they can prevent a military officer from carrying out his assigned duty, when they can do whatever they wish without fear of corrective action from the college, from the U. S. Government, and from local security forces, whom shall we blame? The easiest thing to do would be to blame the student. However, why blame him for doing something which at his immature age of social development seems fun to do? Certainly, it is pretty safe to pursue such a course.

The real fault lies with the college officials who choose not to enforce their own rules. How can they complain when they condone faculty action which makes the college look ridiculous? Equally culpable are representatives of government who choose to ignore violations of the laws, which they have sworn to enforce. When will this stop? Not until you, and I, and everyone else who has watched this from the sidelines, decides that this is no longer acceptable and uses the weight of public pressure to halt further indefensible conduct.

—Harold J. Reese, M.D.
President

MEDICAL ASSISTANTS SOCIETY

The Mahoning County Society of Medical Assistants have had a busy month. Forty-one members and guests toured the Upjohn Company in Kalamazoo, Michigan, where we were royally entertained as well as getting a better insight into the research that produces many of the new wonder drugs. Of course we found all the first of the month work to do when we got back to the office. However, that did not deter us from having a good attendance at the October meeting at South Side Hospital Nursing School. Dr. Armin Banez, one of our advisors, presented a most interesting lecture on "Tension and How the Doctor and the Medical Assistant Can Help the Patient." President Elect, Matilda McConnell, was in charge of the program.

On Sunday, October 22, our seventh annual Workshop was held at St. Elizabeth Hospital. President Nena LaBarbera welcomed the members and guests and then turned the program over to the Education Chairman, Dorothy Klein, who presented Dr. Harold J. Reese, President of the Mahoning County Medical Society, who told us, "What the Medical Society is Doing." This was followed by Dr. William Cleary, whose subject was, "The Coronary Patient." We were then taken on a tour of the Intensive Coronary Care Unit by Miss Rosalie Burelli, R.N., Head Nurse of the unit. Then on to the cafeteria for a sumptuous luncheon and social hour.

Following the luncheon we were privileged to have Rev. Joseph Lucas, L.L.B. tell us of the "Spiritual Needs of the Coronary Patient." Dr. George Dietz, Plastic Surgeon, gave us a most informative talk on the "Scope of Plastic Surgery", illustrated by slides.

For the conclusion of the Workshop we had Mr. Ralph White, Jr. from the firm of Singer, Deane and Scribner, whose topic was, "The Stock Market and You." We all plan on getting rich quick and retiring in a few years.

The Committee in charge of this fine program was, Dorothy Klein, Chairman, Dorothy Pyatch, Co-Chairman, Matilda McConnell, Marguerite Friedrich, and Florence Nakely.

As a climax to this busy month we had a good old fashioned Halloween Party at Ivy Hall Saturday Night, October 28. Chairman for this gala affair was Agnes O'Dea, Co-Chairman, Mary Semyan.

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—Candy Shufflebarger
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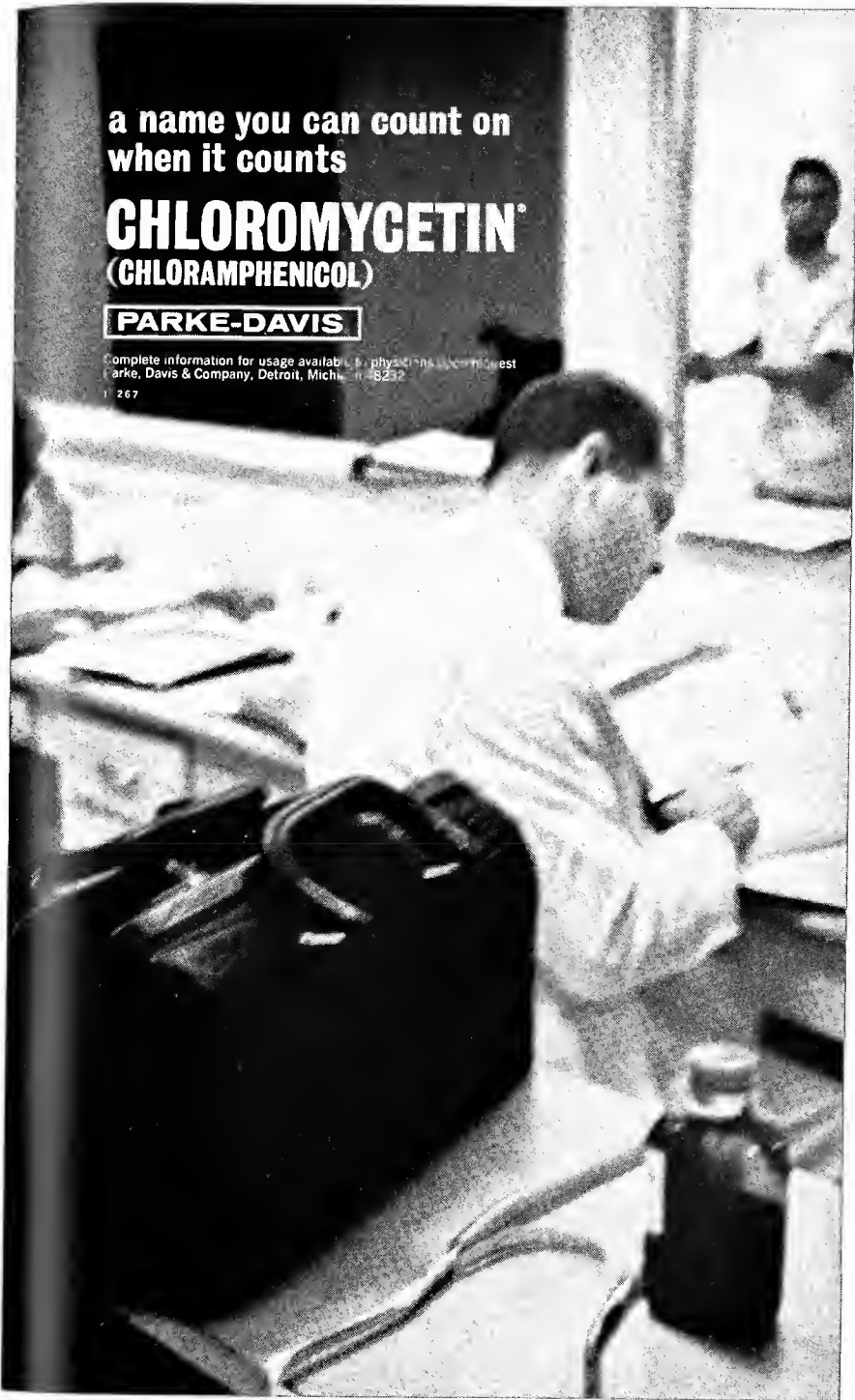
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The Nominating Committee of the Mahoning County Medical Society will make the following recommendations at the Nov. 21st meeting:

President-elect	Dr. J. W. Tandatnick
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1971 Delegate	Dr. J. V. Newsome
Alternate Delegate	Dr. F. A. Friedrich
Alternate Delegate	Dr. E. T. Saadi
Alternate Delegate (one-year term)	Dr. J. J. Buckley
Council Member	Dr. D. J. Dallis
Council Member	Dr. C. E. Pichette
Council Member	Dr. R. D. Murray
Council Member	Dr. F. L. Schellhase
Council Member (one-year term)	Dr. C. A. Hixson

This year, for the first time, two members will be elected to the Appointing Committee of the Mahoning County Medical Society Foundation. The Nominating Committee will recommend the reelection of the following:

Appointing Committee	Dr. G. W. Cook
Appointing Committee	Dr. R. J. Scheetz

The following offices will not require nominations due to the terms not having expired:

President	Dr. Robert R. Fisher
Immediate Past President	Dr. Harold J. Reese
Treasurer	Dr. M. C. Raupple
1968 Delegate	Dr. L. P. Caccamo
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1970 Delegate	Dr. G. E. DeCicco
Alternate Delegate	Dr. W. D. Loeser
Council Member	Dr. R. L. Jenkins
Council Member	Dr. R. G. Warnock
Council Member	Dr. L. Bloomberg

Dr. M. W. Neidus will be recommended for reelection to the position of representative to Associated Hospital Service (Blue Cross).

PHYSICIANS STAFF AMBULANCE SEMINAR

A record crowd of ambulance drivers and firemen attended the tenth seminar on Emergency Care and Transportation of the Critically Ill and Injured on October 12 at St. Elizabeth Hospital. The instruction was arranged by the Traffic Safety Committee of the Medical Society and the seminar was sponsored by the Safety Council of Greater Youngstown.

Dr. Michael J. Vuksta demonstrated the care of chest, abdominal and spinal trauma injury. Dr. Robert J. Hritzko spoke on burns, infections, heat fatigue and collapse. Dr. A. H. Kahn described simple and compound fractures, their protection from infection, splints, and care in transporting.

Arrangements for the instruction course were made by Dr. Donald R. Bernat, chairman of the traffic safety committee, who has arranged all ten seminars to date and has provided for fifty speakers. Members of the committee are: Dr. Glenn J. Baumblatt, Dr. Nathan Belinky and Dr. Phillip Giber.

Other speakers included Mr. Lewis H. Reed, director of first aid and water safety for the Mahoning Red Cross.

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November 10 through December 15

- Nov. 13 Diabetes Week
6:00 p.m. Medical Mortality Ccnf., Doctors Dining Room, South Side Hospital
- Nov. 14 6:30 p.m. Mahoning County Medical Society Council, Mural Room
7:30 p.m. Dental Staff, St. Elizabeth Hospital
- Nov. 16 8:00 a.m. CPC, St. Elizabeth Hospital
8:00 a.m. Medical Death Rounds, Youngstown Hospital
1:00 p.m. Peds. V. P., Frederick M. Kenny, Aud., St. Elizabeth Hospital
- Nov. 17 1:00 p.m. Med. V. P., Abraham Braude, Aud., St. Elizabeth Hospital
- Nov. 21 6:30 p.m. Mahoning County Medical Society, Mural Room
- Nov. 22 4:30 p.m. Tumor Conf., Hitchcock Aud., South Side Hospital
- Nov. 28 6:00 p.m. Medical Exec. Committee, Ccffee Shop, North Side Hospital
- Nov. 30 8:00 a.m. CPC, St. Elizabeth Hospital
8:00 a.m. CPC, Youngstown Hospital
1:00 p.m. Med. V. P., Alvin Shapiro, Aud., St. Elizabeth Hospital
- Dec. 5 7:30 p.m. All section meetings, St. Elizabeth Hospital
8:30 p.m. Quarterly Staff Meeting, St. Elizabeth Hospital
- Dec. 7 8:00 a.m. Guest Prof., Roger Scctt, OB, Hitchcock Aud., South Side Hospital
8:00 a.m. CPC, St. Elizabeth Hospital
1:00 p.m. Med. V. P., Bertram Fleshler, Aud., St. Elizabeth Hospital
- Dec. 9 8:00 a.m. Executive Committee meeting, St. Elizabeth Hospital
- Dec. 12 6:00 p.m. Advicry Board and Medical Staff Christmas Dinner, St. Elizabeth Hospital
- Dec. 14 8:00 a.m. Section Meetings, Youngstown Hospital
12:00 noon Council, Mahoning County Medical Society, St. Elizabeth Hospital
1:00 p.m. Med. V. P., James Leonard, Aud., St. Elizabeth Hospital
8:00 p.m. St. Elizabeth Hospital Interns and Residents Party, Mural Room

S. Q. LAYPIUS OBSERVES:

It is easy to keep up with your appointments, go to the meetings, complete your charts, read all the medical literature and give some time to your family. Yes, easy if you give up sleeping.

Our speaker at the September meeting, a professor from Ohio State said that some medical students want all their education subsidized. They say "If doctors are needed so badly why should we have to pay for our training?"

Well why indeed? Only because the one who pays, calls the tune. Medicine will be the servant of government when the new doctors owe their degree to the H.E.W. or other government agency.

Time after time I have passed our hospitals in the early morning hours and have seen the operating rooms lit up. From long experience I know where they are and what is going on there. I always think of the words spoken by the great J. Chalmers Da Costa when he dedicated the new operating room at Jefferson Medical College. He said: "For the past hundred years on this spot, man has wrought for man and where man has wrought for man, that spot is hallowed ground."

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Dr. Walter J. Tims has become a Fellow of the International College of Surgeons. The announcement was made on October 10. Congratulations!

Dr. Craig C. Wales has been elected president of the Downtown Kiwanis Club. He succeeds Dr. J. Harry Wanamaker, and will take office on January 1, 1968.

Dr. Armin V. Banez was the principal speaker at the first educational and business meeting of the Mahoning County Medical Assistants Society at South Side Nurses' Home Auditorium. He spoke on gastrointestinal stress.

Mr. R. W. Bachmeyer, formerly executive director of the Youngstown Hospital Association, will become an associate of the firm of Herman Smith, Chicago, hospital consultants, on January 1, 1968.

Dr. Barclay Brandmiller attended the annual meeting of the American Academy of Pediatrics in Washington, D.C. in October.

Dr. Robert Hritz and Dr. Angelo Riberi have been elected Fellows in the American College of Surgeons. Congratulations!

Dr. Robert Wiltzie was named to the Mahoning County Board of Mental Retardation. Six other members were named to the Board which became effective October 25.

Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Fisher spent two weeks in Japan in October, visiting Yokohama, Kyoto, Nikko, Nara and Tokyo. While in Tokyo, Mrs. Fisher studied Japanese flower arranging, and the Doctor studied financial arrangements. On the way home, the Doctor attended the American Heart Association meeting in San Francisco, and they visited their daughter and grandchildren in San Diego.

Dr. William H. Bunn, Jr., president of the Heart Association of Eastern Ohio, attended the Heart Association meeting in San Francisco.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Tims went to New London, N. H. to visit their daughter Joan during Parents Week at Colby Junior College.

The Bulletin Roving Reporter spotted the following at the very fine Postgraduate Day at Warren on October 25: Drs. Reese, Saadi, McGregor, Dave Brown, Wales, Geordan, Katz, Bob Fisher, Shorten, Inui, Ipp, Davidow, Wegner, Miglets, Melnick, Hyland, Decker, Loeser, Altman, Friedrich, Martin, Baumgaertel, Fok, Bleacher, Gross, Franklin, Baumblatt, Josef, Zervos, Yoder, Heaver, Tandatnick, Warnock, Levy and Lamprich. There were undoubtedly others there also—a very fine turn-out for a good scientific meeting.

Dr. S. F. Gaylord recently took a two week course at the University of Wisconsin Medical School in the use of the Japanese Gastrocamera, which produces color photographs of the entire inside of the stomach.

A Youngstown man, John S. Andrews, was named vice president of the American Heart Association at the October convention in San Francisco.

DIAGNOSIS

Taking part in the Diagnosis radio program during the month of October were:

October 3—Plastic surgery—Dr. George H. Dietz

October 10—Hospital Utilization—Dr. Robert B. McConnell, Dr. Oscar Turner, Dr. John J. McDonough

October 17—Flu Injections—Dr. Harlan McGregor, Dr. David Levy

October 24—Hospital Utilization—Dr. Barry Decker, Dr. Donald Bernat, Dr. John J. McDonough

October 31—Athletic Injuries Conference—Dr. Michael Vuksta, Dr. Fred Schlecht

The programs are heard over WFMJ at 8:05 p.m. each Tuesday. They are recorded at 9:30 a.m. on the same day. Any physician interested in presenting a topic on "Diagnosis" should contact the Medical Society office, or Dr. McDonough, Radio-TV Chairman.

FROM THE BULLETIN

THIRTY YEARS AGO — NOVEMBER 1937

In an unsigned article one of our members related some of the injustices that plagued his early years in practice. The first was "he discovered that he had to have an influential person who is well acquainted with a very big influential staff member who is a friend of one of the members of the interne committee in order to procure a place to spend a year after graduation." Interne committees take notice!

The late Jos. Rosenfeld wrote that sulphanilamide was generally believed to be a valuable therapeutic agent but it possessed definite toxic qualities.

Fred Coombs was in Boston at the Massachusetts General for a year of internal medicine. Al Cukerbaum was back from two years in New York to practice dermatology and allergy. John Renner was at the University of Pennsylvania studying surgery.

P. R. McConnell, W. E. Maine, J. K. Herald, M. J. Sunday and M. M. Szucs were appointed to the St. Elizabeth's Hospital staff.

New members of the Society were: Craig Wales, Milton Yarmy, Gabriel DeCicco, Barclay Brandmiller and M. M. Szucs.

Dr. Murrill Szucs married Mary Louise Davis on October second. It was a great month for Dr. Szucs.

TWENTY YEARS AGO — NOVEMBER 1947

President McKelvey was concerned about the difficulty reported by some people in obtaining a doctor at night. He reminded the public that everyone should have a family doctor and that doctors seldom go out at night for unknown persons. He cited the case of Dr. Getty who was held up and severely injured while making a night call.

J. P. Harvey was studying cardiology at the Massachusetts General. Martin Conti returned from the Navy and opened his office for the practice of surgery. J. E. L. Keyes was in Chicago conducting examinations for the American Board of Ophthalmology.

New members were Eugene Elder, Robert Kiskaddon, Stephen Ondash, Andrew Detesco, Herbert Hutt, James Miller, Durbin Yoder, Charles Stertzach and Bernard Schneider.

TEN YEARS AGO — NOVEMBER 1957

Editor Pichette wrote about Old Age and Survivors Insurance commonly known as Social Security. He said it was insurance without any contract which made it possible for Government to change the cost and terms of the policy at will and the insured public had little to say about it.

The shortage of Salk Polio Vaccine was over. HEW urged medical societies to put on campaigns to get everyone under 40 years of age immunized. Asian Flu was rampant and vaccine for it was in short supply.

It poured rain on Sixth District Post-Graduate day and many of us were not able to make it to Canton. Route 62 was flooded.

New members that month were: R. W. Wiltsie, Jack Malkoff, Bertram Katz, I. Berke, W. H. Bunn, A. T. Laird, F. W. Dunlea, Wm. Taake and A. V. Banez.

President Ondash appointed a committee to concern itself with the activities of the volunteer health agencies and keep the members informed of the services they offered.

From new member to President in ten years was quite an accomplishment but Steve made it.

NEW ACTIVE MEMBER



Dr. John K. Altier, an Internist, was born at Girard on June 24, 1933. He attended Girard High School and Youngstown State University, receiving a B.A. degree in 1958. His medical degree was granted at Loyola University in 1962.

Previous to going to college, Dr. Altier served in the U. S. Army Combat Engineers, Far East Command, from 1953 to 1955.

He interned at St. Elizabeth Hospital and remained there for his residency in Internal Medicine, 1963-1966. He opened his office for practice in Girard in August, 1966, later moving to his current office at 1100

Belmont Avenue.

Dr. Altier is a member of the Ohio State Society of Internal Medicine. He is a member of St. Rose Church in Girard.

He married the former Mary Catherine Dalzell in 1964 and they have one daughter, Mara Lynn. They live at 848 Woodlawn in Girard.

Dr. Altier's hobbies are photography, fishing, gardening, boating and camping.

DIABETES WEEK NOVEMBER 12 - 18

The annual Diabetes Detection Drive, sponsored in Mahoning County by the Mahoning County Medical Society in conjunction with the American Diabetes Association, will take place the week of November 12-18.

Diabetes detection and informational material has been delivered to the physicians' offices by members of the Woman's Auxiliary. They took the opportunity of their visits to pick up unwanted drug samples to be used for needy persons at home and abroad under their World Relief Program.

Dr. S. F. Gaylord, diabetes chairman, reminds all members to encourage diabetes tests during the week, to make tests without charge, to keep a record of the total tests and new positives, and to send the results to the medical society office for tabulation.

In addition to Dr. Gaylord, members of the Diabetes Week committee are: Dr. Harold S. Chevlen, Dr. Herman H. Ipp, Dr. William R. Johnson and Dr. Milton M. Yarmy. The committee will discuss diabetes on the radio program, Diagnosis, on Tuesday, November 14.

SHOULD YOU BE WRITING BLUE CROSS?

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Notification should be made to the Associated Hospital Service, Inc., office, at 2400 Market St., Youngstown, Ohio 44507. The telephone number is 788-5051.

*In Memoriam***A. EARL BRANT, M.D.**

1889 - 1967

The death of Doctor Brant recently marked the passing of an era. I personally will be eternally grateful that I had the good fortune to be associated with Doctor Brant for almost forty years. There are many surgeons in the United States and in some foreign countries who owe their early training to Doctor Brant. All of us know that Doctor Brant was responsible for many firsts in Youngstown. His compassion for the sick individual was limitless and there were many times when he was tired in mind and body and yet responded to calls at any time night or day. He had the utmost patience and was satisfied with nothing less than perfection in his own work and expected it of those who worked under his supervision. He was an ardent fisherman, but even in the pursuit of the elusive fish he was a good sportsman as he made a habit of filing off the barbs on the hooks giving the fish a fighting chance. He was a doctor's doctor taking care of the families of many of the local doctors.

The past two or three decades have witnessed many advances in medicine and surgery—but nothing can replace the meticulous techniques and careful attention to surgical principles that were practiced by Doctor Brant. We shall miss him.—

Yes, we have witnessed the passing of an era and the death of Doctor Brant is a distinct loss to the community.

—Gordon G. Nelson, M.D.

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WALTER O. MERMIS, M.D.

1904 - 1967

On October 6th, 1967 one of our most distinguished colleagues passed from our midst. Gone will be his satirical descriptions of a day or an event in his life said in his own inimitable way. He was often described as a "complete" physician—unique in his day and way, able and willing to render his services to those in need. In the early years of his practice in Youngstown he worked harder than two doctors—responding at night and during the day as well. He did as much surgery, urology, obstetrics, pediatrics, medicine and most of the other specialties as many of the men who limited their practice to one field. He did this because he knew no other way to practice the profession that was his life and to which he gave his life. Always one to avoid a diplomatic crisis, he never lacked the courage to do what had to be done and always keeping in mind the patients welfare as his guideline. He took care of the young and old, rich or poor without regard as to color or creed, yet his zest for living extended far beyond the scope of most people.

He traveled widely, always meeting, liking, and being liked, by many people. He showed resourcefulness in his approach to the unusual, and directness in solving the routine. Always joking and being "joked" about was his way and his due. He gave us all much to think about, and even though he was of the "old school" of physicians, he rarely hesitated to accept the learnings of the new school. Anyone of us who knew him had to admire his steadfast pursuit of our profession. Those who were not

fortunate enough to know him missed having a little of the "bigness" he possessed "rub-off"—thus making you a little richer, even though you didn't know it at the time. How pleasant it would be if more men coming out of medical school had his zest, zeal and drive to practice and live by the Hippocratic Oath. Those of us who knew him in and out of character will miss him and his idiosyncrasies but, his closest friends, his patients, will miss him most of all. For a job well-done W. O. - rest in peace, richly deserved.

—Alexander Calder, M.D.

MEDICAL SECRETARIES TRAINED HERE

A source of medical secretaries for local physicians and hospitals has been established through a recent training program at Choffin Vocational School, under the Federal Manpower Development Training Act.

Nineteen girls graduated in August after finishing an eight month course of eight-hour a day training. Subject matter included:

Medical Terminology	74 hours
Anatomy and Physiology	88 hours
Medical Transcription	76 hours
Business Machines	20 hours
Medical Ethics	20 hours
Office Etiquette	4 hours
Medical-Legal Dictaphone Transcription	8 hours
Shorthand	270 hours
Typing	240 hours
Business English	100 hours
Total	900 hours

The training program was undertaken after a survey showed a need for medical secretaries in this area. It is not anticipated that another such course will be offered in the near future.

Physicians seeking to employ medical secretaries may phone the Ohio State Employment Service, 744-5207 and ask for Mr. Reddington, or phone the Youth Opportunity Center, 783-0202, and ask for Mr. McNeil. Call the Youth Opportunity Center for girls 18 to 21. Call the Ohio State Employment Service for girls 22 and over.

YOUNGSTOWN LAB PAPERS PUBLISHED

There are two recent publications from the Cytology Laboratory of the Youngstown Hospital Association. Appearing in ACTA Cytologica was "Positive Smears in Previously Screened Patients—Certain Cytologic Findings of Public Health Importance" by Winifred Liu, M.D.

She stresses that cytology is not a measure for cancer prevention; it is an efficient method in early diagnosis. Since there is no reason that cancer cannot develop in the previously screened patients, periodic examination is important. The report also discusses other issues having public health interest.

The second publication in Obstetrics and Gynecology, was entitled "Cytologic Changes Following the Use of Oral Contraceptives" by Winifred Liu, M.D., Lynn Koebel, C.T., Jane Shipp, C.T., and Helen Prisby, C.T.

In 1965, the Cytology Laboratory made the cytodiagnosis of Ca-in-situ of uterine cervix in 4 asymptomatic patients attending the Planned Parenthood Clinic in Youngstown. The observation initiated the current study which demonstrated the abnormal cytologic changes following the use of oral contraceptives.

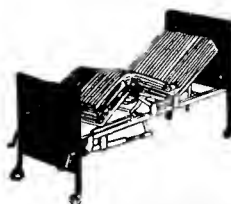
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PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL**OCTOBER 10, 1967**

The regular meeting of the council of the Mahoning County Medical Society was held on Tuesday, October 10, 1967, at the Mural Room, Youngstown, Ohio.

The following physicians were present: H. J. Reese, President, presiding, Louis Bloomberg, R. R. Fisher, F. A. Friedrich, Henry Holden, R. L. Jenkins, Bertram Katz, R. B. McConnell, M. C. Raupple, F. A. Resch, F. L. Schellhase, Jack Schreiber, C. W. Stertzbach, J. W. Tandatnick, R. G. Warnock. Also present were: L. S. Shensa, Sidney Franklin. Absent were: L. P. Caccamo, W. D. Loeser, R. D. Murray, C. E. Pichette, E. T. Saadi, and J. F. Stotler.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Dr. Franklin explained a throat culture program for rheumatic fever as maintained by some other local health departments in Ohio.

Dr. Franklin presented information on the food handling ordinance. He stated that the examining physician is required to make out a triplicate certificate, and that food handlers are required to have an annual chest X-ray and a blood test for syphilis.

Dr. Franklin announced that a Director of Environmental Health from the Youngstown Health Department will be trained for the purpose of checking X-ray equipment in physicians' private offices for radiation.

Bills were read. The motion was made, seconded and duly passed that each bill be paid.

The following applications were presented by the censors and read by the executive secretary:

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

John K. Altier, M.D., 1100 Belmont Avenue.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

Bertwin E. Einfalt, M.D., Radiology Dept., St. Elizabeth Hospital.

Alfred Fader, M.D., Radiology Dept., Youngstown Hospital, South Unit.

Jose Ivan Gonzales, M.D., Emergency Room, Youngstown Hospital, South Unit.

The applications were approved. The above applicants will become members of the Mahoning County Medical Society within fifteen days after publication in the Bulletin, unless objection is filed in writing with the secretary during that time.

The Medical Dental Bureau "any doctor call" report was passed around for every member to see.

The executive secretary reported on disposition of business accruing from the previous council meeting.

A letter from Equitable Life Assurance Society was read concerning their program of selecting medical consultants.

A letter from the Woman's Auxiliary was read finalizing the date of the 1968 dinner-dance to be February 9.

A letter from the Ohio State Society of Medical Assistants was read announcing the 1969 convention in Youngstown.

A letter from the Summit County Medical Society was read giving information on their utilization committee for extended care facilities. The executive secretary was instructed to get more information.

Dr. Shensa, chairman, made a report for the Home Care Committee. The report is attached to the minutes. The motion was made by Dr. Fisher, seconded by Dr. Katz, that council approve the Home Care Committee action in principle and ask the committee to report back to council. Motion was passed.

The motion was made by Dr. Bloomberg, seconded by Dr. Resch, that the annual assessment of \$5.00 for the Physicians' Welfare Fund begin with the 1968 billing. Motion was passed.

A report was read from Dr. McDonough, chairman, Investment Committee, which recommended that the Mahoning County Medical Society not endorse any specific Keogh Plan, but that members be encouraged to work out their own plans.

The motion was made by Dr. Resch, seconded by Dr. Fisher, that the dues for 1968 remain the same as 1967. Motion was passed.

Discussion ensued concerning the death of Dr. Clyde Walter, formerly secretary of the Mahoning County Medical Society. A resolution from council will be forwarded to Mrs. Walter.

The name of Dr. Henry Holden was placed in nomination by Dr. Schreiber, seconded by Dr. Bloomberg, for the remainder of the term of office of Secretary. The motion was made, seconded and duly passed that nominations be closed. Dr. Holden was elected Secretary by unanimous ballot.

Dr. Reese introduced discussion concerning attendance at the Sixth District Postgraduate Day in Warren. Following discussion, the motion was made by Dr. Fisher, seconded by Dr. McConnell, that council go on record as recommending to the Sixth District that Postgraduate Day be discontinued since it is no longer serving the purpose for which it was originally intended. Motion was passed.

Meeting was adjourned.

—Howard Rempes
Executive Secretary

PHYSICIANS INVITED TO DENTIST'S DANCE

Members of the Mahoning County Medical Society will be invited guests at the annual Christmas Dance of the Corydon Palmer Dental Society. Announcement was made by Dr. Robert Morrison, Dental Society president, at the Oct. 17 combined meeting.

The date of the dinner-dance is Saturday, Dec. 16. It will be held at the Mural Room ballroom. Featured will be a continental dinner. Cost of the evening will be announced when invitations are mailed.

WORLD MEDICAL ASSN. SEEKS MEMBERS

Individual membership in the World Medical Association is now open to all members of the American Medical Association. Dues are ten dollars per year. This includes a subscription to *World Medical Journal* and the privilege of participation in the World Medical Assembly each year.

The 21st World Medical Assembly was held in Madrid, Spain, Sept. 10 to 17, 1967. The 1968 assembly will be held in Australia.

The World Medical Association is a society for the free, professional medical associations of the free nations. Sixty national medical associations are members, including the A.M.A.

Gerald D. Dorman, M.D., of New York City, member of the AMA Board of Trustees, is chairman of the Council, the governing body of the WMA. The WMA Headquarters Secretariat is located at 10 Columbus Circle, New York City. Secretary General is Alberto Z. Romuladez, M.D.

Application for individual membership may be made in the form of a letter to WMA at the New York City office. Applications should be accompanied by a check for ten dollars, with a statement that the applicant is a member in good standing of AMA. The letter should specify whether the applicant wishes to receive the *World Medical Journal* in English, Spanish, or French language edition. Check should be made payable to The World Medical Association, Incorporated. WMA is a tax-exempt organization. Five-year memberships are available for fifty dollars. Information regarding the 21st World Medical Assembly will be mailed promptly to all applicants for individual memberships.

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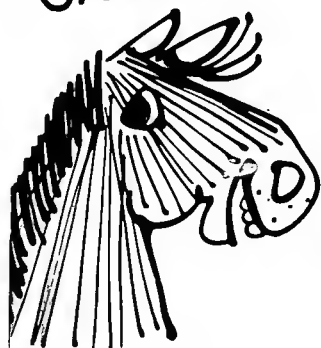
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DR. SCHREIBER PRESENTED HONOR MEDAL

Dr. Jack Schreiber received a George Washington Honor medal and a \$100 award at the annual awards dinner of the Freedom Foundation, in October. Dr. Schreiber was one of nine local winners honored at the meeting sponsored by the Industrial Information Institute. The awards were made on the basis of those doing more than the average citizen in promoting American ideals. Dr. Schreiber's award came for his speech, "The Last Candle".



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DISCONTINUANCE OF KOLMER REITER PROTEIN TEST FOR SYPHILIS

AUGUST 24, 1967

The notice of September 15, 1966 stated that the Kolmer Reiter Protein test would be retained for the immediate future, inspite of its low sensitivity in early and late syphilis. Another year of experience with this test in conjunction with the VDRL and the FTA-ABS has failed to indicate that it serves any useful purpose for the following reasons:

1. The KRP test is slightly less sensitive than the VDRL in secondary and in late syphilis.
2. The KRP test lacks sensitivity in early syphilis.
3. While generally more specific than the VDRL test, it is less specific than the FTA-ABS test.
4. Use of the KRP has not significantly decreased the number of FTA-ABS tests performed.

The following figures quoted from Moore and Knox exemplify these statements:

Per cent Reactive				
	Primary Syphilis 76 Cases	Secondary Syphilis 100 Cases	Biologic False Positives 38 Cases	Untreated Syphilis, 30 or more Years Duration 46 Cases
VDRL	50.0	100.0	100.0	54.4
KRP	48.7	91.0	0	43.5
FTA-ABS	80.7	100.0	0	100.0
TPI	36.8	67.0	0	91.2

Therefore, the KRP test will no longer be performed in this laboratory, effective, September 1, 1967.

—Charles C. Croft, Sc.D., and Calvin B. Spencer, M.D.
Ohio Department of Health, Bureau of Public Health
Laboratories and Bureau of Preventive Medicine

INVITATION FROM THE PRESIDENT (American Medical Association)

Dear Doctor:

It is with great pleasure that I invite you to my home state this fall, to the AMA Clinical Convention at Houston, November 26-29.

I believe you will find the convention's program particularly interesting; it offers refreshing insights into clinical problems that you will find useful in your practice or professional duties.

This meeting is especially designed to help us keep up-to-date on latest medical developments. For the 21st consecutive year, the AMA has assembled an extensive, well-rounded program outlining current knowledge.

You will be impressed, I think, by the outstanding medical teachers who have accepted the invitation of the Harris County Medical Society and the AMA Council on Scientific Assembly to participate in the scientific program. The Harris County Society has done a fine job in bringing together this program.

For you, the Clinical Convention presents opportunities for refreshing your medical knowledge, for renewing associations with fellow physicians, and for catching a breather from your busy schedule. It promises to be a stimulating four days, worthy of your time.

With my colleagues, the physicians of Texas and Harris County, I cordially invite you to Houston, a dynamic, interesting city that you and your family will enjoy. See you at the Clinical!

—Milford O. Rouse, M.D.
President

American Medical Association

NEW DRUGS: 1967 — A REVIEW

New Drugs: 1967 edition Evaluated by A.M.A. Council on Drugs, American Medical Association, 535 N. Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill. 60610, 1967, pp 590, 16 X 24 cm., \$3.50.

The physician must have readily available sources of balanced, authoritative information in order to cope effectively with the complexities of modern pharmacotherapy. *New Drugs*, a publication of the A.M.A. Council on Drugs, now in its third edition, provides such information on new drugs.

The 1967 edition of *New Drugs* is a compilation of introductory statements on various therapeutic classes of drugs and monographs on single-entity drugs marketed in the United States during the period 1957-1966. It contains 265 individual drug monographs, each of which gives information on the actions and uses of the drug and its adverse reactions, contraindications or precautions, dosages and routes of administration, and sizes and strengths of available preparations. The introductory statements to 21 chapters have been thoroughly revised and 10 new monographs have been added. These monographs and introductory statements are based on a thorough review and evaluation by the Council on Drugs and its consultants of all of the laboratory and clinical information, including unpublished data, available to them. Thus, the book presents a concise, unbiased assessment of the newer drugs within the perspective of the therapeutic application of all of the commonly used agents in a particular class of drugs. Since a monograph on a drug is included whether or not the Council's opinion is favorable, *New Drugs* is in no sense a list of approved or accepted drugs.

The index lists drugs by both their nonproprietary (generic) and trade names and includes therapeutic entires. A list of Canadian trade names equivalents is given in the appendix.

EMERGENCY CALL SYSTEM

Two years ago, Mahoning County's emergency call system was renovated by the Mahoning County Medical Society. At that time, the Medical Society was polled and forty physicians signed their names, agreeing to accept "any doctor" emergency calls.

Since that time, a monthly report has been made to council by the Medical-Dental Bureau, giving the list of emergency calls for each month, along with the name of the doctor who took the call, the time of the call, and the length of time required to reach a physician.

The Medical Society would like to continue to expand the emergency call list. Physicians wishing to have their names added may do so any time by phoning the Medical Society office, 746-8431.

The emergency call system is handled by the telephone operators at the Medical-Dental Bureau. When a person has no doctor, and needs one in a hurry, the person calls the Medical-Dental Bureau. He will accept "any doctor," and the operator proceeds to reach one on the list.

AMA-ERF CONTRIBUTIONS

The American Medical Association and the Woman's Auxiliary to the Mahoning County Medical Society wish to remind the doctors to make their annual contributions to their medical schools through the Auxiliary.

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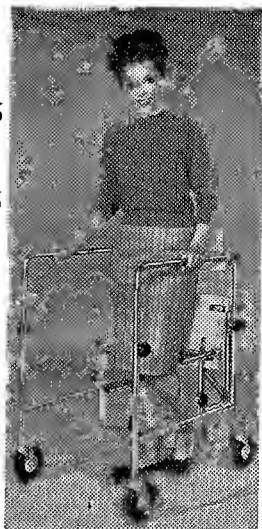


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